(c) when the last price hike occurred; and

(d) what is performance report of TISCO, Bhilai, Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants in terms of production norms per thousand workers and cost profit ratio?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) There is no proposal to raise the steel prices at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The last price revision was effective from 21-2-1980.

(d) Information is furnished in the statement below:—

| Steel Plant | Ingot tonnes/ man year for 1986-87 | Cost-Profit percentage for 1985-86 |
|---|---|---|
| TISCO . . . | 63* | 9.3@ |
| Bhilai . . . | 61 | 6.81 |
| Durgapur . . | 39 | Negative |
| Rourkela . . | 44 | 4.51 |

*The figure pertains to liquid steel.

@ For 1986-87.

The Cost-Profit percentage for 1986-87 in respect of SAIL's plants will be known after finalisation of their Annual Accounts.

**Procurement price of wheat for 1987-88**

2416. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Pices has given its recommendations with regard to the procurement price of wheat for 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has submitted its report on Price Policy for Rabi Crops including wheat of 1987-88 to be marketed in the 1988-89 season. The recommendations made by the Commission are under active consideration of the Government.

**Subsidy to FCI**

2417. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy given to the Food Corporation of India for carrying costs and establishment costs for handling of foodgrains was Rs. 1100 crores in 1984-85 and Rs. 2000 crores in 1986-87;

(b) what are the reasons for such a steep rise in subsidy;

(c) the other organisations to which such a subsidy is given; and

(d) what are the handling rates to FCI as compared to those of STC which handles comparable imported goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason for the rise in the subsidy were the increase in operational costs on account of interest, railway freight land introduction of scheme of supply of